

Huskies Holiday Classic

Marsing
boys get big
win vs. IC

Brian Thompson wasn't about to downplay how important beating Idaho City High School was for the Marsing boys basketball team.

And his athletes knew what needed to be done in a 53-45 Huskies Holiday Classic victory over the previously unbeaten Wildcats on Thursday.

"This was a huge win," the Huskies' coach said after his team downed the 1A power to cap the first night of the annual tournament in the Marsing gymnasium.

"Coming off Christmas break, we needed to get going again."

The roll continued Friday when Marsing edged Wilder, another hot 1A team, 40-38. (See Page 8B)

Idaho City (7-1 overall) is a member of the 1A Western Idaho Conference and has made an appearance in each of the past two state tournaments.

"Idaho City is a state-caliber team, and I look forward to them being at State in their classification," Thompson said.

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Power play

Marsing High School's Aaron Salvias makes a strong move to the basket against Idaho City defender Dirk Anderson on Wednesday.

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Ensley's streak
faces stiff test
on Lane matsTrojans' state
champ locked
in competitive
division

Homedale High School senior Jeremy Ensley has amassed more than 100 consecutive wrestling victories in his career.

But judging from the words of Stuart Vickers, the director of this weekend's prestigious Rollie Lane tournament, there will be some tough challengers to the senior's streak in the 119-pound class.

"The 119-pound weight class is going to be the premier class," said Vickers, a former wrestling coach at Skyview in Nampa who decided a few years ago to honor a longtime Treasure Valley wrestling coach by affixing his name to a tournament.

That tournament, which only a few years ago attracted just 12 high schools, will have close to 40 teams in attendance Friday and Saturday at the Idaho Center, according to Vickers.

And the field includes Burns and Nyssa, the top-ranked teams in their respective classes in Oregon, as well as the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference neighbors Weiser, Middleton and Fruitland.

Teams from all classifications flock to the Rollie Lane, and that makes Vickers proud.

"I've always liked seeing the smaller schools match up with the larger schools," said Vickers, who was a state champion while attending Parma. "We've always had good kids, and so did Homedale."

"So we like to get them out there and wrestle and mix 'em up and make the rankings legitimate."

A 2005 Rollie Lane champion, Ensley has lost only three matches during a career that has resulted in three consecutive state championships. With a 102-match win streak, he's the top-ranked 119-pound wrestler in the state, according to Idaho Wrestling News.

His weight class at this weekend's festival includes the third-, fourth- and sixth-ranked 119s from Oregon's 3A ranks (Levi Root, Tyrell Peasley and Pat Mills, all from Burns) as well as top-rated senior Mark Beck from Nyssa (a 2A school), and the division's top two 5A wrestlers in Idaho (No. 1 Paul Gentry from Meridian and No. 2 Spencer Oldemeyer from Borah).

But wait. There's more.

In addition to that bunch, Skyview's Alex Vickers (46-0 a

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Adrian makes quick work of Harper

Antelopes boys ride turnovers
to easy non-league victory

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McPeak, Branstiter each score 11 as Adrian girls sting Hornets in first half of home doubleheader.

Every smart traveler knows that a good tuneup is always advisable before hitting the road for a long trip.

Adrian High School boys basketball coach Gene Mills put his squad through some diagnostics Wednesday against Harper, and the engine ran quite smooth in a 76-16 shellacking of the Hornets.

"We've got the ability to be a good team," Mills said after the non-league victory. "We've got a lot of size and kids who can handle the ball and play defense."

Defense was the main ingredient for the Antelopes (5-5 overall) in the rout of the Hornets that served as a warmup for Thursday's road game against Joseph, which Mills

characterized as the favorite in the Old Oregon League. After playing Wednesday, the Adrian players loaded into a bus early Thursday morning for a 5½-hour jaunt to Joseph.

Joseph grabbed a 72-45 win. "Our man was pretty tough. They weren't able to do much," Mills said of the Antelopes' defense against Harper. "We just went to the zone to give them a chance to breath."

That's giving the Antelopes a chance to breath. There was no opportunity for oxygen intake on the part of the Hornets, who suited fewer than 10 players, all of whom were freshmen and sophomores.

"They're young and not very big

and not very experienced," Mills said. "We played pretty smooth tonight, too. No pressure and the kids played more relaxed than they had in some of the other games."

Adrian scored the first 11 points of the game, and that early run showed the fans packed inside the Antelopes' tiny gymnasium everything they needed to know about the course of the game.

Adrian's defensive pressure coaxed four consecutive turnovers from the outmanned Harper squad (0-7) to build that early cushion.

The Antelopes used a considerable height advantage to control the boards, too. No Harper

player was listed taller than 5-foot-9 (Matt and Ron Weatherby), and Adrian's 6-4 senior, Paul Vallejo, exploited that fact to the fullest by following missed chances with tip-ins and blocking three shots.

"He's smooth as silk," Mills said. "He can play with anybody. My son (Aaron) coaches at LaGrande, which is 3A, and I told him he could use him. He'd be a third kid up there."

"He's a dandy, and he has a great attitude."

The exchange student from Ecuador finished with six points on a night during which no Antelope scored more than nine points (Lewis Miller, all in the second quarter). Brett Buchholz scored six of his eight points in the game's first 2½ minutes.

"The kids who will play (against

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Rainbow

Adrian High School's Kade Thomas puts up a shot over a Harper defender Wednesday.

Sports

Huskies Holiday Classic: Junior varsity girls

Jordan Valley wins two games



Squeeze play

Marsing High School junior varsity girls basketball player Miranda Clausen dribbles through the defense of Jordan Valley players (left to right) Luisa Lowry, Elisa Eiguren and Annie Mackenzie on Friday.

Kayla Cuvelier scored the bulk of her eight points in the fourth quarter Friday as Jordan Valley High School's junior varsity girls basketball team pulled away for a 43-24 victory over host Marsing in the Huskies Holiday Classic at Marsing Middle School.

Cuvelier, who finished with eight points, scored six in the final eight minutes as the Mustangs outscored the Huskies 14-7 and finished the tournament 2-0.

Marsing, which trailed 18-11 at halftime, was led by seven points from Amanda Staudenmier. Teammate CC Zanardi added six points. Staudenmier had four rebounds, including three on the Huskies' end of the floor.

Zanardi, Maricruz Villa and Miranda Clausen snagged five boards apiece.

Marsing's Rose Remick dished seven assists, but committed eight of her team's 34 turnovers.

Kelsey Prescott was 3-for-3 from the free-throw line in the third quarter en route to a game-high 11 points for Jordan Valley.

The Mustangs took control with an 11-6 run through the third quarter as Prescott hit a three-point play and scored five points.

Jordan Valley 50
Parma 41

The Mustangs began their stay in the tournament with a victory over 2A Western Idaho Conference member Parma on Thursday. The game wasn't as close as the score showed.

Annie Mackenzie scored nine of her 13 points in the second half to lead Jordan Valley, which owned a 22-11 halftime lead. Mackenzie was 3-for-3 from the foul line as the Mustangs hit 18 of 39 free throws in the game.

Athena Beckwith scored five of her nine points in the third quarter for Jordan Valley, while Elisa Eiguren added six points.

Parma was paced by 11 points from Breanna Stell. After hitting a 3-pointer in the first half, Stell scored the rest of her points after the intermission, including seven over the final eight minutes.

The Panthers' Sam Frasier also scored all seven of her points in the second half, while Sammie Sorrell had four of her six points in the third quarter.

Vale, Ore., 50
Marsing 18

A sluggish start to their own tournament sent the Huskies to a lopsided loss to the visitors from Oregon on Thursday.

Vanessa Lovell and Lisa Johnson each canned 3-point goals as the Vikings built a 14-4 first-quarter lead. Vale further put a stranglehold on the game by outscoring Marsing 11-2 in the eight minutes before halftime.

The Huskies hit only one of their five shots in the second quarter, with Villa getting the field goal. Villa and Remick scored four points apiece to lead the Huskies.

Johnson led all scorers with 11 points. Sarah Steinart hit one of Vale's four 3-pointers on the way to 10 points. Kayla Haueter added eight points.

Wrestling

year ago while winning the 4A 103-pound state title) and 5A 103-pound champion Seth Unterseher of Capital (No. 4 at 119 this year after a 34-3 campaign in 2004-05) also will be strapping on the gear.

"You have at least four state champions and five or six other kids who have been state runner-ups in just this weight class alone," Stuart Vickers said.

The Rollie Lane doesn't follow a straight bracket format, Vickers said. There is a pool-play aspect in which each weight division is divided into sub-groups and wrestlers compete to make it out of those pools. The top two wrestlers in each pool qualify for a round of 16 for the wrestle-off.

"You've got some studs," Vickers said of the 119 class. "Getting out of the final is going to be a difficult process for any of those kids."

Vickers surmises that the final eight will be an all-out dogfight.

Of course, there is more to the Rollie Lane than the 119-pound division, and Homedale will try to build on its 13th-place finish in last year's 46-team field.

"I've known (coach Toby Johnson) for a while and I've been trying to get him here because Homedale is solid, and I wanted the representation from all the schools," Vickers said.

The Trojans will bring several state-ranked wrestlers into the action.

Tyler Christoffersen is the top-ranked 3A 145-pounder, and Stuart Miyasako is the third-rated 3A 130-pounder. Also ranked in 3A are Bryan Martinat (No. 2 at 152) and Amador Cortinas (No. 2 at 275).

Miyasako and Christoffersen each posted first-round victories in the Rollie Lane a year ago.

But Homedale's not alone. Weiser and Middleton also have a slew of wrestlers in the 3A state rankings.

The Wolverines' Tyler Young (103), Ryan Alder (171), Bryce Svedin (189) and Kory Pratt (215) all own No. 1 designations. The Wolverines, in fact, hog some of the weight-class rankings with Kyle Burch sandwiched at No. 2 in the 215 division between teammate Pratt and Homedale's Josh Jolley (No. 4) and Jacob Scharbrough backing up fellow Weiser wrestler Svedin at No. 3 in the 189 class.

Middleton's Casey Bowen is the fourth-ranked 3A 125-pounder, and teammate Brandon Doramus is a top-ranked wrestler at 145.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Weiser, 4:45 p.m.

Note — Start time is for freshman game. Junior varsity game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game, and the varsity plays 15 minutes after the end of the JV game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 5 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Fruitland, 4:45 p.m.

Note — Start time is for freshman game. Junior varsity game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game, and the varsity plays 15 minutes after the end of the JV game.

WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7 at Rollie Lane Tournament, Idaho Center, Nampa
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.



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Sports

Homedale hammers BK on mat

Outside of Tyler Christoffersen's 8-3 win over Andrew Carnoso in the 152-pound match, the Homedale High School wrestling team had an easy time in a 69-12 win over Bishop Kelly in Boise on Dec. 21.

The Trojans racked up seven pins on the night, including another victory by Jeremy Ensley. The senior put John Head on the mat in the 119-pound match for his 102nd consecutive victory.

Christoffersen's win over Carnoso was the only match to go the distance.

Christoffersen's younger brother, Jason, collected a victory by pinfall in the 140-pound match against Tony Finfrock.

Other pins were collected by Frankie Obregon (against Matt Duncan at 125), Stuart Miyasako (against Andy Wold at 135), Tyler Maxwell (against Aaron Newsome at 160), Josh Jolley (against Ben Donahue at 215) and Amador Cortinas (at 275 against Sam Gray).

Balanced Adrian girls slam Harper



Baseline

Adrian High School junior Sarah McPeak races to the basket Wednesday despite the defense of Harper junior Kelsey Haueter.

The Adrian High School girls basketball players emerged late from the locker room after halftime of Wednesday's non-league game against Harper.

But the host Antelopes wasted little time resuming control in a 59-29 victory over the Hornets (3-2).

Sophomore guard Jessica Orosco released downcourt early several times to help the Antelopes stay one step ahead of Harper's pressure defense, and Sarah McPeak and Paige Branstiter used their height to score 11 points each.

"We just had too much size and numbers for Harper," Adrian coach Gene Mills said.

Adrian (6-5) dropped a 52-34 Old Oregon League decision on the road to Joseph on Thursday.

"We needed to get back on the court and play, and Harper was willing to do that, so we appreciate that," Mills said.

McPeak seemed raring to go in the Antelopes' return to the court from the holiday break. She scored six points in the first quarter as Adrian built a 16-10 advantage.

Adrian took command with

a 15-5 run through the second quarter as Branstiter scored five points and Orosco chipped in six of her eight points.

By the end of the third quarter, the Antelopes had doubled Harper's output for a 46-23 advantage.

"This was an opportunity to really play a lot of kids at a varsity level game that probably wouldn't get a chance," Mills said.

Like he did in Wednesday's boys game, Mills flooded the floor with varsity and junior varsity players in the girls game. In fact, Orosco has split time on the varsity and JV teams throughout the season.

Freshman Terra Rust made a strong varsity appearance with six points. She scored four of her points in the final period. Jayna Witty, a sophomore on the JV squad, scored another six points.

Kelsey Haueter, a 5-4 junior, led Harper with nine points, but she was all but shut down after scoring seven points in the first eight minutes. Teammate Sam Weatherby added seven points.

— JB

MARSING HUSKIES

WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Melba, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Note — The junior varsity A game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV B game. The varsity game begins 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV A game

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 6 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.

Note — The junior varsity A game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV B game. The varsity game begins 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV A game

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In traffic

Adrian High School's Jake Chisham lines up a jump shot as Harper defenders Steven Casiano (31) and Jared DeNoma (21) as well as Antelopes teammates Lewis Miller (10), Chris Davis (50) and Kade Thomas (42) jockey for position.

√ Adrian

Joseph) played less than half tonight," said Mills, who also pushed players from his junior varsity roster onto the floor to shake off the holiday rust.

Brent Ishida, a 5-8 freshman, was the class of the JV players, scoring six points.

Adrian displayed its depth with four different players scoring before Harper's Jared DeNoma

converted an offensive rebound with 2 minutes, 49 seconds left in the first quarter for the Hornets' first points of the game.

DeNoma and his twin brother, Kody, were celebrating their 16th birthdays Wednesday. The pair scored nine of Harper's points, which Kody leading the way with seven.

The third quarter started with more of the same from Adrian's swarming defense. The Antelopes converted several turnovers to

score 16 straight points during a 22-2 run over the second and third quarters. Mat Lorinczy's jumper with 3 minutes after the intermission gave Adrian a 51-11 lead.

"We're looking to play defense with all we got in us — that's hard work and doing it without fouling. And have fun on offense," Mills said.

"Defense is work, offense is fun. That's the way it ought to be."

— JB

Sports

Huskies Holiday Classic: Varsity girls

Jordan Valley towers over Marsing in finale



Path blocked

Marsing High School girls basketball player MJ Usabel, left, just does get a shot off over the outstretched arm of Jordan Valley's Cassia Trautman as Mustangs teammate Megan Mackenzie, center, provides added defense.

Don Heller's competitive fires flared Friday night after he watched his Marsing High School girls basketball team lose in blowout fashion for the second consecutive night at the Huskies Holiday Classic.

Jordan Valley used its interior height and the Huskies' (3-9) continued ball-handling woes to carve out a 54-33 victory in the closing game of the tournament.

"Every team that has beaten us is out-hustling us all over the place," Heller said after the game. "I can't coach heart and desire. I mean, that comes from them."

The Mustangs (8-1 overall) held a 20-9 rebounding edge on their own glass. Angela Larsen and Lauren Cuvelier grabbed nine boards apiece for coach Jeremy Chamberlain's squad, with Larsen leading the way with 13 points.

"We need to work on our shooting obviously," Chamberlain said of his team's 22-for-60 (36.7 percent) showing from the field. "Even with that, I felt we had control of the game from tipoff."

"We rebounded and played defense well enough to get past that (the poor shooting)."

Jordan Valley's front court of Larsen, Cuvelier and Cassia Trautman scored 31 points. Megan Mackenzie threw in another 11 points.

Jordan Valley held a glaring height advantage, but Heller refused to use that as a crutch for his team's loss.

"No. All you've got to do is get a body on them, sit on them and they're not going to be able to

jump. I don't care how big they are," he said.

"But when you've got four girls running underneath the basket, the only rebound they're going to get is a made basket."

The Mustangs' defense was aided by another night of nightmarish ball-handling by the Huskies.

"I was a little bit concerned coming in that they were going to be a little bit quicker than we were, so I was real happy that we were able to maintain the same speed or maybe be a little bit quicker than they were overall," Chamberlain said.

"And, again, I don't know if that's the Marsing team we've seen. They had a lot of unforced errors."

Marsing committed 36 turnovers, and — as he did after Thursday's loss to Vale — Heller pinned that shocking statistic on the absence of experienced guards.

One guard — Taryn Chenoweth — is gone for the year with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. A second guard from a year ago — Breanna Chadez — decided to pass up her senior basketball season to concentrate on her track and field endeavors. A third veteran — Tiffany Martinez — isn't with the team for personal reasons.

"Those three (absences) make a big difference," Heller said. "Two of them were the kids' own control. The other one — the injury — wasn't. There's three guards right there that we lose."

"Chadez's height, can jump. She's been a state champion in the high jump, but she chooses an individual thing over her school. To me, I don't care for that."

Another true guard — Samantha Wilson — was converted to a post/forward by Heller during the summer. She took it upon herself Friday to go up against the big trees. She led the Huskies with six rebounds, including four of the team's 10 offensive boards, and she and Angela Martinez scored 15 of the Huskies' 19 second-half points.

Wilson led the Huskies with eight points, but was scoreless in the first half.

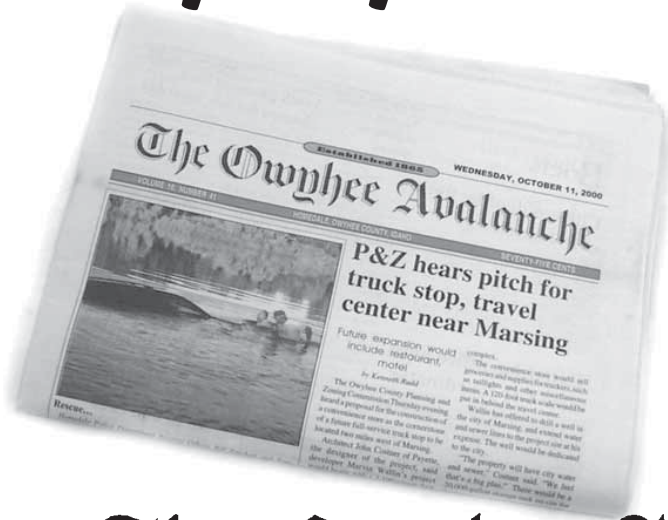
Compounding Marsing's frustration was Jordan Valley's ability to score points with second, third and even fourth shots at the hoop on single possessions.

The Mustangs opened the game with a 10-0 run. On its first possession, Jordan Valley had five shots at the basket and couldn't score. But the Mustangs did come away with something to show for it when Cuvelier was fouled trying to convert and hit both free throws.

"If you look at the scoreboard halfway through the first quarter it was 6-0, but it could have been probably 20-0 we were missing that many shots, we were getting that many steals at that time," Chamberlain said. "That had to be pretty frustrating to them that the score was as close as it was and they couldn't get anything going."

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In sight

Jordan Valley girls basketball player Megan Mackenzie eyes the basket during a layup.

Mustangs handle Parma

Angela Larsen drained two 3-point goals and led all scorers with 16 points Thursday as Jordan Valley High School opened the Huskies Holiday Classic with an easy girls basketball win over Parma.

The Mustangs built a 10-point lead in the first eight minutes en route to a 58-29 non-league victory over the Panthers.

Bailey Kershner scored 15 points for Jordan Valley, while teammate Kayla Cuvelier added 11.

Parma, which trailed 39-14 at the break, received 11 points from Lacey LaPierre, who was only 2-for-13 from the field.

Megan Mackenzie scored six points for Jordan Valley.

Sports

Huskies Holiday Classic: Junior varsity boys

Marsing caps tourney with drama

Long before Friday's Huskies Holiday Classic junior varsity 3-point shooting contest, the Huskies' Matt Hill hit the biggest 3-pointer of the day.

Hill sent home a trey with 3 seconds left for the winning points as the Huskies beat Wilder 45-43 to cap a strong comeback at Marsing Middle School.

He didn't play in the first half against the Wildcats, but Hill showed up after halftime with 15 points, including three 3-pointers and six of the



Miguel Quebrado

Huskies' eight points in the defensive struggle that was the third quarter.

Wilder owned a 10-point half-time lead. Then the Huskies held the Wildcats to just four points in the third quarter. Marsing outscored Wilder 20-13 in the final period to complete the comeback victory.

Miguel Rodriguez was a perfect 6-for-6 from the foul line for the Wilder, and he led all scorers with 18 points. He was held to just a basket in the third quarter and eight points in the second half, though.

Miguel Quebrado scored eight points for the Huskies, and teammate Martin Galvez added seven.

Wilder's David Calderon scored

all eight of his points in the first half.

Marsing 72, Idaho City 25 Hill began his tournament performance Thursday with three 3-pointers and 15 points as the Huskies throttled the 1A Wildcats.

Marsing lit off on a 17-2 run in the first quarter and held a 37-8 advantage at the break.

Quebrado scored eight of his 10 points during the Huskies' most dominant quarter — the third — in which they outscored Idaho City 25-7.

Mike Smith led the Wildcats with six points, while Trevor Knight chipped in five.

Marsing's Kelsey Cook and Jose Paramo scored eight points each.

√ Huskies

"I made a challenge to my boys to play with those guys."

That challenge included neutralizing the play of the Wildcats' tallest players — Dirk Anderson and Ian Callahan — so solid efforts from Shea McClellin, Aaron Salvos and Chris Covey were crucial for Marsing (4-4).

"Their two tall kids — Dirk and Ian — have both scored in double figures," Thompson said. "They're very good ballplayers."

Anderson scored 23 points, and Callahan added 13. They blocked three shots each.

McClellin responded with 24 points, including key baskets throughout the night that prevented a collapse like the Huskies had experienced during back-to-back losses to 1A teams Cole Valley and Council.

"I told them we needed to play four quarters tonight, and they gave me four quarters tonight," Thompson said.

Whenever it seemed Marsing was going to hit that all-too-familiar wall against Idaho City, someone had an answer.

Anderson popped a pull-up jumper with 5 minutes, 16 seconds left in the third quarter to fuel a 10-0 Idaho City run and put the Wildcats ahead 31-27.

But Ernie Villa ripped a rebound away from an Idaho City player to set up Covey's layup at the other end, putting Marsing back in front and opening the floodgates. Salvos crashed the boards to draw two successful foul shots then powered a lay-in through the hoop after two teammates missed shots as the Huskies lit off on a 14-2 streak.

In the fourth quarter, McClellin drove the lane with authority for a jumper, and Salvos roared to the glass to tip in Covey's misfire and establish Marsing's dominance.

Salvos and Covey scored 10 points apiece, while McClellin drained three 3-point shots as part of his performance.

"Everyone contributed tonight and played as a team tonight," Thompson said. "Everyone put in minutes."

"I was pleased that they played as a team tonight. They were excited about playing and had fun tonight, finally."

— JB

PREP RESULTS

Boys basketball

Friday's game

Huskies Holiday Classic

Marsing 40, Wilder 38

WILDER (38)

Elizondo 3-6 0-0 7, L. Cortez 0-2 0-0 0, Butler 0-2 0-0 0, DeLaRosa 0-0 0-0 0, Mi. Rodriguez 7-11 3-6 20, Martinez 0-0 0-0 0, Calderon 0-0 0-0 0, Ma. Rodriguez 2-6 1-2 5, R. Cortez 2-5 2-6 6. Totals 14-32 6-14 38

MARSING (40)

Smith 2-10 4-4 9, Marcial 0-1 0-0 0, S. Quebrado 3-8 0-0 6, Covey 4-12 3-7 11, McClellin 4-14 1-5 9, Dines 1-10 0-0 3, Salvos 1-6 0-0 2, Villa 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-61 8-16 40

Wilder 11 10 10 7 — 38
Marsing 10 12 4 14 — 40

3-point shooting — Wil: 4-10 (Mi. Rodriguez 3-5, Elizondo 1-4, L. Cortez 0-1). Mar: 2-16 (Dines 1-7, Smith 1-4, S. Quebrado 0-2, McClellin 0-2). Total fouls — Wil 13, Mar 10. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Thursday's games

Huskies Holiday Classic

Marsing 53, Idaho City 45

IDAHO CITY (45)

Callahan 6-10 0-0 13, Schuehardt 0-3 0-2 0, Moughamian 0-0 0-0 0, Prak 1-3 0-0 2, McFarlane 1-3 1-2 3, Hope 1-2 2-2 4, Anderson 9-19 5-5 23, Manning 0 0-2 0. Totals 18-40 8-13 45

MARSING (53)

Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Marcial 0-0 0-0 0, S. Quebrado 2-6 0-2 4, Covey 4-10 2-3 10, McClellin 10-19 0-1 23, Dines 1-7 2-2 4, Salvos 4-8 2-2 10, Villa 1-3 0-1 2, Cossel 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-56 6-11 53

Idaho City 10 11 12 12 — 45
Marsing 14 10 15 14 — 53

3-point shooting — Mar: 3-10 (McClellin 3-7, Dines 0-2, S. Quebrado 0-1), IC: 1-10 (Callahan 1-3, Anderson 0-2, Prak 0-2, Schuehardt 0-1, McFarlane 0-1, Hope 0-1). Total fouls — Mar 12, IC 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Wilder 56, Jordan Valley 41

JORDAN VALLEY (41)

Quintero 5 0-0 11, Hipwell 0 0-0 0, Fillmore 3 2-4 8, Eiguren 1 0-0 2, Scown 0 0-0 0, Wroten 4 0-0 8, Trautman 6 0-3 12, Cornett 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 3-7 41.

WILDER (56)

Gonzalez 0 2-2 2, Elizondo 5 0-2 12, L. Cortez 1 0-0 3, Butler 1 1-2 3, Mi. Rodriguez 5 4-4 15, Martinez 2 0-0 5, Calderon 0 1-2 1, Ma. Rodriguez 1 2-4 4, R. Cortez 4 3-5 11. Totals 19 13-21 56

Jordan Valley 10 13 8 10 — 41
Wilder 16 12 8 20 — 56

3-pointers — JV: 1 (Quintero), Wil: 5 (Elizondo 2, L. Cortez, Mi. Rodriguez,

Martinez). Total fouls — JV 17, Wil 8. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None

Wednesday's game

Adrian 76, Harper 16

HARPER (16)

K. DeNoma 2 2-4 7, Devlin 0 0-0 0, Mitchell 0 0-0 0, R. Weatherby 2 0-3 4, Casiano 1 1-4 3, M. Weatherby 0 0-0 0, J. DeNoma 1 0-0 2. Totals 6 3-11 16

ADRIAN (76)

Miller 4 0-0 9, Buchholz 4 0-0 8, Witty 3 0-2 6, Langley 1 1-2 3, Branstiter 3 2-6 8, Lorincy 3 0-0 6, Likar 1 0-0 2, Beltran 2 0-0 4, Vallejo 3 0-0 6, Chisham 2 0-0 4, Thomas 2 0-0 4, Davis 0 0-0 0, Ishida 3 0-0 6, Jones 1 0-0 2, Ellsworth 0 4-6 4, Dondero 0 0-0 0, Yoo 1 0-0 2, Riehl 1 0-0 2. Totals 34 7-16 76

Harper 3 8 3 2 — 16
Adrian 18 21 23 14 — 76

3-pointers — Har: 1 (K. DeNoma). Adr: 1 (Miller). Total fouls — Har 8, Adr 10. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Adrian bench

Friday's game

Huskies Holiday Classic

Jordan Valley 54, Marsing 33

JORDAN VALLEY (54)

B. Kershner 3-8 5-6 11, Hipwell 0-1 0-0 0, White 0-0 0-0 0, Elsner 0-7 0-0 0, L. Kershner 0-0 0-0 0, Larsen 6-18 1-2 13, Mackenzie 5-11 1-1 11, Prescott 0-0 0-0 0, Cuvelier 3-10 2-2 8, Powers 0-0 1-2 1, Trautman 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 22-62 10-12 54

MARSING (33)

Wilson 4-9 0-2 8, Nielsen 0-1 0-0 0, Martinez 3-6 1-2 7, Moreno 3-10 0-0 6, Usabel 3-6 0-0 6, Staudenmier 0-0 0-0 0, Roeser 1-2 0-0 2, Heller 1-1 2-2 4, Zanardi 0-0 0-0 0, Clausen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-35 3-6 33

Jordan Valley 14 14 16 10 — 54
Marsing 4 10 12 7 — 33

3-point shooting — JV: 0-9 (B. Kershner 0-1, Elsner 0-6, Larsen 0-2). Mar: 0-2 (Moreno 0-2). Total fouls — JV 9, Mar 13. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Rebounds — JV 28 (Cuvelier 9), Mar 26 (Wilson 6).

Thursday's game

Huskies Holiday Classic

Vale, Ore., 63, Marsing 25

VALE (63)

Kamo 1 0-1 2, Haueter 1 0-0 2, Hiatt 5 1-3 11, Mooney 3 3-4 10, Hicks 0 0-0 0, DeLong 3 1-2 7, Andrews 1 0-0 2, Padilla 2 0-0 4, Lacey 3 2-2 8, Lutjens 6 5-7 17. Totals 25 12-19 63

MARSING (25)

Wilson 0-3 0-0 0, Nielsen 0-2 0-0 0, Martinez 1-3 2-2 4, Moreno 4-13 4-4 12, Usabel 1-4 2-2 4, Roeser 1-3 0-0 2, Heller

1-5 1-5 3, Clausen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 8-34 9-13 25

Vale 21 14 18 10 — 63
Marsing 12 7 4 2 — 25

3-point shooting — Vale: 1 (Mooney 1). Mar: 0-8 (Moreno 0-5, Nielsen 0-2, Usabel 0-1). Total fouls — Vale 16, Mar 20. Fouled out — Hicks, Wilson, Usabel. Technical fouls — None.

Jordan Valley 58, Parma 29

JORDAN VALLEY (58)

B. Kershner 5-8 5-9 15, White 0-0 0-0 0, Elsner 2-8 0-0 6, L. Kershner 0-4 0-0 0, Larsen 7-16 0-2 16, Mackenzie 3-7 0-0 6, Prescott 1-1 0-0 2, Cuvelier 4-10 3-4 11, Powers 0-1 0-0 0, Trautman 1-5 0-1 2. Totals 23-60 8-16 58

PARMA (29)

Lehman 1-6 0-0 2, Shepherd 1-8 0-0 2, Gentry 1-6 1-2 3, Constantine 2-11 2-2 6, Hamby 0-3 0-2 0, Leavitt 0-5 2-2 2, Smyser 1-6 1-2 3, Jemmett 0-3 0-1 0, LaPierre 2-13 7-10 11. Totals 8-61 13-21 29

Jordan Valley 19 20 9 10 — 58

Parma 9 5 3 12 — 29

3-point shooting — JV: 4-12 (Elsner 2-7, Larsen 2-2, L. Kershner 0-3). Parma: 0-4 (Constantine 0-3, Smyser 0-1). Total fouls — JV 16, Parma 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Wednesday's game

Adrian 59, Harper 29

HARPER (29)

Savage 2 1-4 5, M. Welsh 0 0-0 0, Kelleher 0 0-4 0, Weatherby 3 1-3 7, Haueter 4 0-0 9, Mathews 0 0-0 0, R. Welsh 1 0-0 2, Jordan 3 0-0 6, Vargas 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 2-11 29

ADRIAN (59)

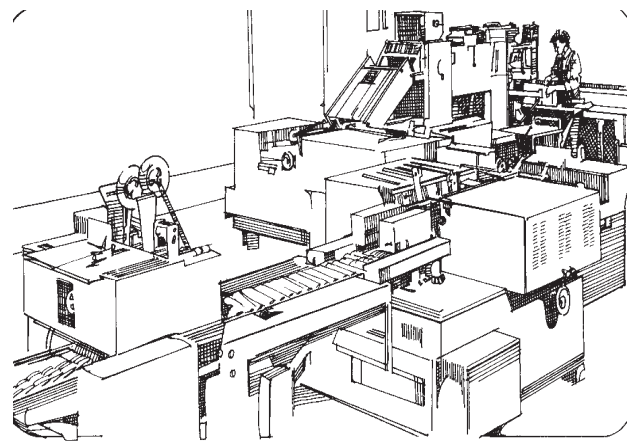
Orosco 4 0-0 8, Bowns 2 2-2 6, McPeak 5 1-1 11, Sillonis 0 2-2 2, Witty 3 0-0 6, Branstiter 5 1-2 11, Simpson 0 0-0 0, Garner 1 0-4 2, Ellsworth 1 1-2 3, Hutchings 2 0-2 4, Rust 3 0-0 6, Dominguez 0 0-0 0, VanCorbach 0 0-0 0, Olsen 0 0-0 0, Knuth 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 7-15 59

Harper 10 5 8 6 — 29
Adrian 16 15 15 12 — 59

3-pointers — Har: 1 (Haueter). Adr: 0. Total fouls — Har 11, Adr 13. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans								
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG	
Hall	12	29	9	30-46	.652	115	9.6	
Andrade	12	32	1	26-39	.667	93	7.8	
Garrett	12	15	6	14-24	.583	62	5.2	
Brasher	12	19	0	11-30	.367	49	4.1	
Mooney	12	20	0	5-11	.455	45	3.8	
Warwick	12	11	6	2-6	.333	42	3.5	
Uria	8	3	3	0-0	.000	15	1.9	
Tackett	5	1	0	2-2	1.000	4	0.8	
Cline	12	1	3	0-3	.000	11	0.9	
Rodriguez	12	0	1	0-1	.000	3	0.3	
Cahill	5	2	0	0-0	.000	4	0.8	
Totals	12	133	29	90-162	.556	443	36.9	

Other stats	G	OREb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Hall	12	20	43	5.3	8	9
Andrade	12	19	31	3.3	1	7
Mooney	12	10	42	4.3	5	17
Brasher	12	15	20	2.9	2	7
Garrett	12	6	15	1.8	1	28
Warwick	12	4	15	1.6	0	3
Tackett	5	2	4	1.2	0	1
Cahill	5	0	5	1.0	0	1
Uria	8	3	1	0.5	0	2
Cline	12	2	1	0.3	2	0
Rodriguez	12	0	1	0.1	0	5
Totals	12	81	178	21.6	19	80

Marsing Huskies								
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG	
Usabel	11	33	0	29-58	.500	95	8.6	
Moreno	11	27	6	8-15	.533	80	7.3	
Nielsen	11	18	4	4-7	.571	52	4.7	
Heller	11	21	0	12-30	.400	54	4.9	
Martinez	11	20	0	14-27	.518	54	4.9	
Wilson	11	17	0	19-34	.559	53	4.8	
Chenoweth	7	7	1	5-8	.625	22	3.1	
Roeser	11	2	0	2-4	.500	6	0.5	
Zanardi	3	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0	
Staudenmier	3	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0	
Clausen	3	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0	
Totals	11	145	11	93-183	.493	416	37.8	

Other stats	G	OREb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Usabel	11	23	60	7.5	1	32
Heller	11	14	23	3.4	0	14
Nielsen	11	11	15	2.4	1	21
Martinez	11	22	22	4.0	0	22
Wilson	11	14	19	3.0	0	10
Chenoweth	7	2	12	2.0	0	7
Moreno	11	11	18	2.6	0	21
Roeser	11	3	18	1.9	0	11
Zanardi	3	0	1	0.3	0	0
Staudenmier	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
Clausen	3	0	1	0.3	0	0
Totals	11	100	189	26.3	2	138

Note — Statistics incomplete (Nyssa, Ore., total)

Rimrock Raiders								
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG	
E. Chandler	10	39	10	8-29	.276	116	11.6	
Ridley	10	30	8	28-44	.636	112	11.2	
Simper	10	39	0	11-26	.423	89	8.9	
Thomas	10	20	14	4-7	.571	86	8.6	
Hipwell	10	27	2	16-29	.552	76	7.6	
Roberson	10	10	13	2-9	.222	61	6.1	
Hegerhorst	10	9	0	4-9	.444	22	2.2	
S. Chandler	8	3	1	1-2	.500	10	1.3	
Cantrell	8	3	0	1-3	.333	7	0.9	
Totals	10	180	48	75-158	.475	579	57.9	

Other stats	G	OREb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals
Hipwell	10	39	38	7.7	16	14
Simper	10	31	38	6.9	19	29
Ridley	10	26	35	6.1	27	25
E. Chandler	10	32	22	5.4	48	42
Hegerhorst	10	19	22	4.1	2	6
Thomas	10	10	16	2.6	35	24
Roberson	10	8	15	2.3	35	28
Cantrell	8	5	8	1.6	11	3
S. Chandler	8	0	3	0.4	3	2
Totals	10	170	197	36.7	196	173

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans												
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG					
Sweet	6	36	0	22-32	.710	94	15.7					
Rupp	6	24	0	21-27	.818	69	11.5					
Corbett	6	17	0	8-12	.727	42	7.0					
Vanderhoff	6	4	5	9-15	.600	32	5.3					
Krzesnik	6	4	6	2-2	1.000	28	4.7					
Holloway	6	7	1	4-6	.667	21	3.5					
Davey	6	1	0	6-12	.500	8	1.3					
Z. Lootens	3	0	0	2-2	1.000	2	0.7					
I. Lootens	5	1	0	1-2	.500	3	0.6					
Brockett	6	1	0	1-3	.333	3	0.5					
Uria	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0					
Totals	6	95	12	76-113	.673	302	50.3					

Other stats	G	OREb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Sweet	2	8	9	8.5	3	2
Rupp	2	6	9	7.5	1	0
Corbett	2	6	8	7.0	2	1
Vanderhoff	2	2	7	4.5	0	2
Brockett	2	0	4	2.0	0	0
Holloway	2	0	4	2.0	0	0
Davey	2	0	1	0.5	0	2
Krzesnik	2	1	0	0.5	1	0
I. Lootens	2	0	1	0.5	0	0
Z. Lootens	1	1	0	0.5	0	0
Uria	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	2	23	43	33.0	7	7

Note — Rebounds, blocks, steals incomplete (Parma, Dec. 1; Nampa Christian, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15; New Plymouth, Dec. 10)

Marsing Huskies								
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG	
McClellin	8	47	6	18-40	.450	130	16.3	
Smith	9	10	13	7-11	.636	66	7.3	
S. Quebrado	9	16	7	10-16	.625	63	7.0	
Covey	8	25	0	10-19	.526	60	7.5	
Salvas	9	22	0	13-20	.650	57	6.3	
Dines	9	5	6	12-14	.857	40	4.4	
Marcial	4	0	1	2-2	1.000	5	1.3	
Cossel	9	6	0	3-7	.429	15	1.7	
M. Quebrado	6	1	1	1-2	.500	6	1.0	
Villa	9	2	1	2-4	.500	9	1.0	
Totals	9	134	35	78-135	.578	451	50.1	

Other stats	G	OREb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals
McClellin	8	36	53	12.3	18	17
Covey	8	31	32	8.2	2	6
Salvas	9	29	35	5.8	7	12
Dines	9	13	7	2.6	13	15
Smith	9	5	13	2.0	9	9
Cossel	9	3	16	2.2	1	4
Villa	9	5	4	1.2	3	4
M. Quebrado	6	2	3	0.8	2	4
Marcial	3	1	2	1.0	0	1
S. Quebrado	9	5	6	1.0	28	19
Totals	9	130	171	33.4	83	91

PREP STANDINGS

Girls basketball					
3A SRV	Conf.		All		L
	W	L	W	L	
Fruitland	3	0	7	5	
Middleton	3	0	10	0	
Homedale	1	2	3	9	
Weiser	1	1	4	4	
McCall-Donnelly	0	2	2	5	
Payette	0	3	0	8	

This week's games (Thursday)
Payette at Marsing

(Friday)
Ontario, Ore., at Weiser

Nampa Christian at Homedale
Middleton at La Grande, Ore.
(Thursday)
Melba at New Plymouth
(Tuesday)
Homedale at Weiser
New Plymouth at Marsing
Fruitland at Payette
Vale, Ore., at Middleton

Last week's scores
No games scheduled

2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
New Plymouth	1	0	10	2

Nampa Christian	2	1	6	4
Melba	1	1	5	6
Parma	1	2	5	6
Marsing	1	2	3	9

This week's games (Thursday)
Payette at Marsing

(Friday)
Nampa Christian at Homedale
Melba at Rimrock

(Thursday)
Melba at New Plymouth
(Tuesday)
New Plymouth at Marsing
Parma at Melba

Last week's scores (Marsing Holiday Classic)
Vale, Ore., 63, Marsing 25
Jordan Valley 54, Marsing 33
Jordan Valley 58, Parma 29
Vale, Ore., 59, Parma 35

1A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Rimrock	5	0	10	0
Greenleaf	4	1	8	3
Cole Valley	5	2	7	5
Liberty Charter	2	3	2	3
Wilder	2	4	5	5
Gem State	1	3	3	7
Notus	1	4	2	7

Idaho City	0	3	1	4
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This week's games (Thursday)
Rimrock at Wilder
Liberty Charter at Gem State Adventist

Cole Valley at Idaho City
Notus at Greenleaf Friends Academy

(Friday)
Melba at Rimrock

(Monday)
Rimrock at Gem State Adventist
Wilder at Cole Valley
Notus at Liberty Charter
Idaho City at Greenleaf Friends Academy

Last week's scores
No games scheduled

Old Oregon	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Joseph	3	0	9	2
Powder Valley	2	0	11	0
Imbler	1	1	6	3
Jordan Valley	1	1	8	1
Pine Eagle	1	1	4	4
Adrian	1	2	6	5
Cove	0	2	2	4
Wallowa	0	2	2	6

This week's games (Friday)
Jordan Valley at Wallowa
Adrian at Pine Eagle
Cove at Imbler
Joseph at Powder Valley

(Saturday)
Pine Eagle at Jordan Valley
Wallowa at Cove
Powder Valley at Imbler

Last week's scores
Joseph 52, Adrian 34
Adrian 59, Harper 29
Joseph 55, Elgin 30

(Marsing Holiday Classic)
Jordan Valley 58, Parma 29
Jordan Valley 54, Marsing 33

(Baker JV Tournament)
Powder Valley 48, Baker 34
Pine Eagle 48, Spray 26
Powder Valley 56, Pine Eagle 34
Powder Valley 68, Nixyaawii 28

(Helix Tournament)
Imbler 60, Pendleton JV 47
Imbler 48, Helix 33

(Wallowa Tournament)
Elgin 36, Wallowa 31
Wallowa 45, Echo 37

Boys basketball				
3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	0	0	7	1
Homedale	0	0	2	4
McCall-Donnelly	0	0	3	3
Middleton	0	0	1	5
Payette	0	0	2	2
Weiser	0	0	2	2

This week's games (Thursday)

Sports

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(Fruitland Christmas Classic)
Parma 55, Ontario, Ore., 54 (OT)
Fruitland 56, Parma 36

Melba Tournament
Melba 65, Glenns Ferry 62 (OT)
Wendell 57, New Plymouth 33
New Plymouth 89, Glenns Ferry 69
Wendell 57, Melba 34

1A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Idaho City	2	0	7	1
Notus	2	0	5	0
Cole Valley	1	0	1	4
Wilder	1	1	6	2
Gem State	0	0	2	2
Greenleaf	0	1	5	1
Rimrock	0	2	2	5
Liberty Charter	0	2	1	4

This week's games (Friday)
Notus at Greenleaf Friends Academy

Idaho City at Cole Valley
(Saturday)
Rimrock at Gem State Adventist
Cole Valley at Nampa Christian
(Tuesday)

Rimrock at Notus
Greenleaf Friends Academy at Cole Valley
Wilder at Gem State Adventist

Last week's scores (Marsing Holiday Classic)
Marsing 53, Idaho City 45
Marsing 40, Wilder 38
Wilder 56, Jordan Valley 41
Jordan Valley vs. Idaho City

Old Oregon	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Joseph	3	0	9	2
Imbler	2	0	6	3
Powder Valley	2	0	7	4
Pine Eagle	1	1	1	5
Adrian	1	2	5	5
Wallowa	0	2	4	4

Cove	0	2	0	6
Jordan Valley	0	2	1	8

This week's games (Friday)
Jordan Valley at Wallowa
Adrian at Pine Eagle
Cove at Imbler
Joseph at Powder Valley
(Saturday)

Pine Eagle at Jordan Valley
Wallowa at Cove
Powder Valley at Imbler

Last week's scores
Joseph 72, Adrian 45
Adrian 76, Harper 16
Joseph 60, Elgin 40
(Marsing Holiday Classic)
Wilder 56, Jordan Valley 41
(Baker JV Tournament)
Baker JV 45, Powder Valley 36
Spray 84, Pine Eagle 47
Powder Valley 83, Huntington 47
Powder Valley 58, Baker JV 42

(Helix Tournament)
Pendleton JV 64, Imbler 52
Imbler 76, Helix 55
(Wallowa Tournament)
Wallowa 42, Elgin 33
Wallowa 52, Union 49

PREP WRESTLING

Homedale 69
Bishop Kelly 12
103 — George Gundlach (BK) p. Trevor Meligan
112 — Double forfeit
119 — Jeremy Ensley (Hom) p. John Head
125 — Frankie Obregon (Hom) p. Matt Duncan
130 — Danny Zenor (Hom) won by forfeit
135 — Stuart Miyasako (Hom) p. Andy Wold
140 — Jason Christoffersen (Hom) p. Tony Finfrock

145 — Ulysses Vargas (BK) won by forfeit
152 — Tyler Christoffersen (Hom) def. Andrew Carnoso, 8-3
160 — Tyler Maxwell (Hom) p. Aaron Newsome
171 — Ricco Gonzalez (Hom) won by forfeit
189 — Kameron Ogle (BK) p. Rowdy Lair
215 — Josh Jolley (Hom) p. Ben Donahue
275 — Amador Cortinas (Hom) p. Sam Gray

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Sports

Huskies Holiday Classic: Varsity boys

McClellin's late tip-in keeps Huskies on a roll

Brian Thompson's worst fears weren't realized Friday night, and that's a good thing for the Marsing High School boys basketball team.

Shea McClellin, who had been bottled up for most of the night, muscled in a tip-in with 3.2 seconds left to give the Huskies a 40-38 victory over Wilder in the Huskies Holiday Classic.

It was the second nail-biting win in as many nights against a tough 1A team for Marsing (5-4). And the fact that the Huskies had to work so hard to defeat previously unbeaten Idaho City the night before is exactly what worried Thompson.

"When I came to the gym today, I had a strange feeling it was going to be a tight game," Thompson said. "I don't want to take anything away from Wilder, but I was afraid the kids were a little sluggish, and they were."

The sluggishness also could have come from the fact that the Wilder-Marsing game resembled two prize fighters pawing and hugging each other while trading light jabs.

Wilder and Marsing swapped

the lead throughout the night, but the Huskies always hinted that they were on the precipice of taking over.

The Wildcats (6-2 overall) scored the game's first eight points, but Marsing roared back with a 7-1 run behind Santiago Quebrado's all-around play. He scored all six of his points in the first quarter.

Wilder carried a 31-26 edge — the game's largest difference since early in the first period — into the fourth quarter after outscoring Marsing 10-4 in the second half's first eight minutes.

At that point, Thompson woke up his squad with a tirade in the huddle.

"They were posting us up big-time, and we let them post us up," Thompson said. "I told the kids to use their height to their advantage."

Enter McClellin, the 6-foot-4 junior who led the Huskies in scoring a year ago.

After Wilder's Ruri Cortez hit a turnaround jump shot in the lane, McClellin battled to put back a rebound to cut the Wildcats' lead to 34-33. He missed the free throw

after being fouled on that basket, but the die had been cast.

Chris Covey scored five straight points — two strong inside baskets and a free throw — to tie the game 38-38 with 1 minute, 21 seconds left. The senior led the Huskies with 11 points.

In the final 35 seconds, Marsing missed two close shots, but McClellin was there to push in Aaron Salvat's errant shot with 3.2 seconds left to win it.

"I had been shut out all night, but I just wanted to do something to contribute to the team, so I just crashed the boards," McClellin said.

McClellin had struggled against the Wilder defense all night. Before hitting two of three field-goal attempts in the fourth quarter, the junior was 2-for-11 from the floor. He and Brian Smith scored nine points each for Marsing.

Wilder's Michael Rodriguez scored 20 points to lead all scorers.

"He's a heck of a ballplayer. He can handle and drive and he can shoot," Thompson said. "He's a great ballplayer."

— JB



Taking aim

Marsing High School senior Aaron Salvat prepares to fire in a jump shot as Wilder's Roy Elizondo readies for a rebound Friday.

Huskies Holiday Classic: Varsity girls



Driving to the hoop

Marsing's Mollee Nielsen dribbles around a Vale defender during Thursday's opening-round loss. Nielsen captured the Huskies Holiday Classic 3-point shooting championship on Friday.

Vale feasts on Marsing's inferior ball-handling

An old ghost visited Marsing High School's girls basketball team Thursday in the opener of the Huskies Holiday Classic.

Poor ball-handling led to a slew of turnovers and helped visiting Vale, Ore., cruise to a 63-25 victory.

"With everything that's happening with us this year, it's tough," Marsing coach Don Heller said. "We're really weak at guard."

The inexperience at the guard position has thwarted the Huskies' efforts to capitalize on a traditionally strong defense. Against Vale, several fast-break situations were snuffed out by errant passes — something that was prevalent with Marsing (3-8 overall) in the early stages of the season.

"It's frustrating," Heller said. "Everything we work on in practice — like running the break — they don't carry it over into the game."

Heller is sympathetic to what his

girls are experiencing, though. He realizes some factors contribute to the lack of execution once the Huskies hit the floor against the likes of Vale (5-4).

"We have kids having to play a lot of minutes," Heller said. "They get tired and that makes a difference."

Fatigue often leads to foul trouble. Leading scorer MJ Usabel scored just four points before fouling out. Samantha Wilson, who averages 5 points a game, also fouled out and didn't make a dent in the scorebook.

Elisa Moreno was perfect from the foul line and scored nearly half of the Huskies' points, finishing with 12.

The Vikings wasted little time gaining the upper hand Thursday. The visitors from the 2A Wapiti League built a 35-19 halftime lead that left Heller on the bench to collect his thoughts even after his squad had ducked into the locker room for the intermission.

Katy Lutjens dominated the

paint and led all scorers with 17 points for the Vikings. Teammate Kara Hiatt chipped in with 11 points, and Elisa Mooney hit the only 3-pointer of the game as part of her 10 points.

Marsing was limited to just six points in the second half, but that wasn't for a lack of opportunities. The Huskies' swarming defense forced the Vikings into many turnovers, but the host squad was unable to complete the fast break because of its ball-handling woes.

"I thought our defense wasn't bad," Heller said. "They played pretty good man-to-man and pressure defense."

When the Huskies were able to get a shot off, Vale didn't permit too many second chances. Marsing had just three offensive rebounds in 32 minutes.

"They did a great job of keeping us off the offensive boards," Heller said.

— JB